

# Department of State Accepting Comments on Regulations until October 1st

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**Dover, DE (August 8, 2016)** – The Delaware Department of State held three public hearings last week, one in each county, as part of Governor Jack Markell's effort to modify or eliminate regulations that may be outdated or unnecessarily burdensome. Members of the public are still encouraged to [submit comments online](#) until October 1, 2016.

Department of State agencies with regulations subject to review include:

- Human Relations Commission
- Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs
- Division of Arts
- State Banking Commissioner
- Boards and Commissions of the Division of Professional Regulation
- Public Service Commission

The public is also invited to comment on any policies or programs within the Department of State including the Division of Archives, Division of Corporations, Commission of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of State's Office. Please see <http://sos.delaware.gov/divisions.shtml> for a complete listing of agencies associated with the Department of State.

Comments can be submitted online or by sending mail to:

Regulatory Comments

Office of the Secretary  
Delaware Department of State  
401 Federal Street  
Dover, DE 19901

"It is extremely important that the public is involved in this process," Secretary of State Jeff Bullock stated. "We want to hear from folks who have experienced the effect of these regulations and see how we can make the process more efficient."

The Regulatory Flexibility Act provides an opportunity for state agencies such as the Department of State to review regulations on their books, and streamline or eliminate those that might be outdated, inconsistent or no longer serve their intended purpose. After formal comment, the Department will consider the input received in addition to its own evaluation and begin the process for amending or repealing regulations accordingly.

"This review process provides us with the opportunity to evaluate how we can make our existing regulations more efficient," said Secretary of State Jeff Bullock. "We look forward to receiving specific and thoughtful comments from the public and business community in this effort."

The Department of State's regulatory review is being conducted in accordance with the Regulatory Flexibility Act ([29 Del. C., Ch. 104, § 10407](#)). This Act provides an opportunity for the Department to review regulations on the books, and streamline or eliminate those that might be outdated, inconsistent or no longer serve their intended purpose. After October 1st, when all comments are received, the Department will consider the public's input in addition to its own evaluation and begin the process for amending or repealing regulations accordingly.

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